

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is earnestly requested.

Claims 1-4, 9-11, 13, and 15 have been amended and claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice.

This Supplemental Amendment is presented to correct informalities in the Amendment filed in response to the Office Action of September 20, 2006 as required by the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of September 6, 2007. These informalities had been discussed and agreed with the Examiner on March 15, 2007 and addressed in an Examiner's Amendment, subsequently withdrawn. Applicant believes all the informalities raised by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowance of April 4, 2007 have been addressed and the application is in condition for allowance, the issue fee having been paid on April 26, 2007.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this supplemental amendment and reconsideration of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (213) 623-2221.

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